

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto
FEMA-1661-DR-VA**

STATE SITUATION REPORT # 33

25 Oct 2006 (1500 hrs) thru 1 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs)

FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO)

4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

VDEM Hours of operations: M-F: 0800-1800 hours

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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations:

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Wed of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings will be conducted as required by the DSCO. JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Wednesday of each week.

**State of Emergency and
Executive Order:**

By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Regarding PA, pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction(*) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct, three additional jurisdictions(**) were approved by FEMA on 18 Oct, and one additional jurisdiction (***) was approved on 26 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. **Current eligible jurisdictions (26) are:**

Accomack	Essex	Middlesex	Richmond (City of)
Caroline	Gloucester	Northampton	Poquoson (City of)
Charles City	Isle of Wight	Northumberland	Newport News (City)*
James City	Richmond	Westmoreland	Greensville**
King William	Surry	Mathews	King and Queen**
Lancaster	Sussex	Dinwiddie	Lunenburg**
York			King George***

Regarding IA, on 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the denial of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth IA appeal was formally denied by FEMA. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, on 16 Oct 2006 the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following five jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Richmond (City of)
Newport News (City of)

Hampton (City of)

Gloucester
Northumberland

WEATHER

Seven-day forecast (W-Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 1-8 Nov 2006): Today and tonight will be partly cloudy with 30% chance of rain tonight, south and east winds 5-7 mph, with a high of 76 and a nightly low of 54. **Thursday** will be mostly cloudy, then mostly sunny with 30% chance of rain before noon, northwest winds 7-15 mph, with a high of 61 and a nightly low of 33. **Friday** will be sunny and clear, with north winds 6-9 mph, daily high of 52 and a nightly low of 27. **Saturday** will be mostly sunny and clear, with a daily high of 51 and a nightly low of 29. **Sunday** will be mostly sunny and clear with a daily high of 57 and a nightly low of 36. **Monday** will be mostly sunny and clear with a daily high of 61 and a nightly low of 42. **Tuesday** will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 63.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 26 affected jurisdictions are represented by 39 legislators. Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A. Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO) VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquiries. PIO has distributed various news releases on flood insurance, floodsmart.gov, and other disaster assistance program information.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering: Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to 5 Nov 2006 by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery: **RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:	Jurisdictions (65 each)	Private (30 each)	Public (62each)
	Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$52,452,584.98*/***
*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.			
**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.			
***Includes Public Service Authorities			
	State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
	Subtotal		\$ 2,483,019.55
	GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	\$54,935,604.53

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

Applicants' Briefings Conducted (5 ea):

1. 5 Oct 2006, Attendees-45 (City of Richmond-31, FEMA-8, VDEM-6)
2. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-22 (Five Electric Coop Reps-13, FEMA-4, VDEM-5)
3. 11 Oct 2006 Attendees-48 (Eleven Jurisdictions-19, FEMA-6, VDEM-16, Other-6)
4. 17 Oct 2006 Attendees- 9 (State Agencies-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-5)
5. 18 Oct 2006 Attendees-17 (Eastrn Shore Applicants-8, FEMA-3, VDEM-5, Oth-1)

Kick-off Meetings Conducted (40 ea):

1. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-3 (Southside Electric Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
2. 10 Oct 2006, Attendees-39 (City of Richmond-28, FEMA-5, VDEM-6)
3. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (A&N Electric Cooperative-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
4. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 9 (Five Counties-6, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
5. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 4 (Northern Neck Electric Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
6. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Colonial Beach-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
7. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 4 (Town of Kilmarnock-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
8. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees- 7 (Rappahannock Elect Coop-2, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
9. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Middlesex County-2, FEMA-2, VDEM-2)
10. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (City of Newport News-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
11. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees-13 (Gloucester County-7, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)

12. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees- 8 (Mathews County-2, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
13. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (VDCR-4, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
14. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (Va Dept of State Police-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
15. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees-10 (VDOT-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-6)
16. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (James City-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
17. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-11 (City of Poquoson-5, FEMA-2, VDEM-4)
18. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-11 (VIMS-5, FEMA-2, VDEM-4)
19. **19 Oct 2006, Attendees- 5 (Town of Melfa-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)**
20. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Charles City County-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
21. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (Va Dept of Mental Health-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
22. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Onancock-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
23. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Smithfield-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
24. **23 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Accomack County-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)**
25. **24 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Parksley-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)**
26. 24 Oct 2006, Attendees-20 (York County-13, FEMA-3, VDEM-4)
27. **24 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Tappahannock-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)**
28. **26 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Warsaw-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)**
29. **25 Oct 2006, Attendees-3 (Va Dept of Corrections-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)**
30. **25 Oct 2006, Attendees-4 (Colonial Beach Sch Bd-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)**
31. **25 Oct 2006, Attendees-9 (Northampton County-3, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)**
32. **25 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Onley-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)**
33. **26 Oct 2006, Attendees-4 (Town of Cape Charles-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)**
34. **26 Oct 2006, Attendees-5 (Mecklenburg Elect Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)**
35. **26 Oct 2006, Attendees-8 (Town of Wachapreague-2, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)**
36. **27 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Chincoteague-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-4)**
37. **26 Oct 2006, Attendees-6 (Town of Tangier-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-4)**
38. **30 Oct 2006, Attendees-9 (Va Dept of Gen Svcs-2, FEMA-4, VDEM-2, Oth-1)**
39. **1 Nov 2006, Attendees-TBP (Town of Bloxom , FEMA , VDEM)**
40. **1 Nov 2006, Attendees-TBP (Town of Cheriton , FEMA , VDEM)**

Kick-off Meetings Scheduled (2 ea):

1. **When:** Thu, 2 Nov 2006
Where: TBP
Attendees: Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad
2. **When:** Fri, 3 Nov 2006
Where: TBP
Attendees: Callao Volunteer Fire Department

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. The deadline date(s) for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB:

Declared 21 jurisdictions:	Fri, 20 Oct 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Mon, 6 Nov 2006
Amended three jurisdictions:	Fri, 17 Nov 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Sat, 25 Nov 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:

**FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office
 4800 Cox Road
 Glen Allen, VA 23060
 804-270-2057 (fax: 804-270-2498)**

RPAs have been received/approved from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(48 total)**:

A & N Electric Cooperative	Onley (Town of)
Accomack County	Parksley (Town of)
Bloxom (Town of)	Poquoson (Town of)
Callao Vol Fire Dept	Rappahannock Community College
Cape Charles (Town of)	Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
Cheriton (Town of)	Richmond (City of)
Chincoteague (Town of)	Richmond County
Colonial Beach (Town of)	Richmond County Vol Rescue Squad
Colonial Beach Public Schools	Smithfield (Town of)
Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad	Southside Electric Cooperative
Gloucester County	Tangier (Town of)
James City County	Tappanannock (Town of)
Kilmarnock (Town of)	Va Dept of Conservation & Recreation
Kilmarnock Vol Fire Dept	Va Dept of Corrections
Lancaster County	Va Dept of Emergency Management
Mathews County	Va Dept of General Services
Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative	Va Dept of Mental Health
Melfa (Town of)	Va Dept of State Police
Middlesex County	Va Dept of Transportation
Newport News (City of)	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Northampton County	Wachapreague (Town of)
Northumberland County	Warsaw (Town of)
Northern Neck Electric Cooperative	Westmoreland County
Onancock (Town of)	York County

As of COB, **1 November 2006**, a total of **18** (current estimated projection is **219**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

Obligated:	\$	0.00
Disbursed:	\$	0.00

Individual Assistance:

Pursuant to the SBA declaration, the following SBA Disaster Outreach Centers have been opened for the five declared jurisdictions and all contiguous jurisdictions. Individuals may visit any of the Centers for SBA assistance.

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (4ea):

1. City of Richmond:
 When: Opened 1300 Hours, 17 Oct 2006 (Tue)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Norrell School Annex, 201 W Graham Rd, Richmond, VA
2. Cities of Hampton and Newport News:
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Y H Tomas Center, 1300 Thomas St, Hampton, VA 23669
3. Gloucester County:
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Fire Station 3, 2676 Hayes Rd, Hayes, VA 23072
4. Northumberland County:
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)
 Where: Old County Courthouse, 72 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA

As of 28 Oct 2006, the following is a summary of actions at the four SBA Centers:

Location	Home Loans (Issued/Accepted)	Business Loans (Issued/Accepted)	Misc Assistance
1.	18/10	4/1	31
2.	8/5	2/0	11
3.	6/5	0/0	3
4.	14/9	6/0	30
TOTAL	46/29	12/1	75

Mitigation:

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Admin Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by the SCO and submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Mr. Noah Thacker.

Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):

1. Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
Where: TBD
Attendees: TBD
2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
Where: TBD
Attendees: TBD

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Conducted (2 ea):

1. **30 Oct 2006, Attendees-24 (Nine jurisdictions-21, FEMA-0, VDEM-3)**
2. **31 Oct 2006, Attendees-30 (Tidewater jurisdictions-27, FEMA-0, VDEM-3)**

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled (2 ea):

1. When: Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Northern Neck Plan Dist Commission Office, Warsaw, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
2. When: Tue, 7 Nov 2006 (1500 hours)
Where: Accomack Northampton PDC Office, Accomack, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM

All jurisdictions impacted by Tropical Depression Ernesto have been notified by email and traditional mail of upcoming HMGP Applicants Briefings. Interest far exceeds available funds; managing expectations is essential.

Citizen Workshop for Northumberland County, **Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1900 hours), Northumberland Courts Building, 39 Judicial Place, Heathsville, VA 24473.** At the request of County Administrator, Kenny Eades, this workshop was scheduled to address citizen issues. Topics covered will include flood, wind and other homeowner's insurance issues, SBA loans, mitigation methods, grants and long-term recovery planning for property owners.

Speakers will brief the audience on their area of expertise, the floor will be opened for questions, and then residents can speak with our team of experts one-on-one at the end of the Workshop. **Media coverage and interest in the Northumberland County Property Owner's workshop has been strong. SBA, the Commonwealth State Corporation Commission, DCR and VDEM will brief attendees on recovery strategies.**

A meeting will be conducted in Isle of Wight organizations and possibly property owners affected by the Columbus Day Weekend Nor-Easter on Saturday. Mitigation staff has been invited to the meeting and will attend.

PLANNING SECTION**ESF 7 – Resource**

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section became operational on 5 October 2006.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**Personnel Unit:
Administration Unit:**

VDEM JFO/field staffing is 45 (Perm staff-5, Reservists-10, VDOT-3, Contractor-27). Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) is as needed.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS

FEMA-1655-DR-VA:

RPA's were received/accepted from localities, state agencies, land private non-profit organizations (Total=19: cities-2, towns-4, counties-5, state agencies-3, other-5).

As of COB, **1 November 2006**, a total of **277** (current estimated projection is **278**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

Obligated: \$4,130,142.00

Disbursed: \$1,757,175.50

October (6-9) Flooding:

On 9 Oct (1540 hrs) Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. Local Emergency declarations were made in several jurisdictions. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, PDAs were conducted on 16 Oct 2006 for the affected jurisdictions. PA and IA damage data did not warrant a Commonwealth request for federal disaster assistance.

On 25 Oct, pursuant to the Governor's request (20 Oct) the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following three jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Franklin (City of)

Isle of Wight County

Southampton

Pursuant to the SBA declaration, the following SBA Disaster Outreach Centers have been opened for the three declared jurisdictions and all contiguous jurisdictions. Individuals may visit any of the Centers for SBA assistance.

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (2ea):

1. City of Franklin:

When: Thu, 26 Oct

Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)

Where: 601 N Mechanic St, Franklin, VA

2. Town of Smithfield:

When: Thu, 26 Oct

Hours: M-F (9am-6pm); Sat (9am-3pm)

Where: 259 James St, Smithfield, VA

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